

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 11th April at 7.00pm In the Pavilion, Brendon Room, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors: White (Chairman), Payne, Naylor, Peeks

Public:

Other: Julie Coe (Committee Clerk) Michelle Francis (Legal Officer)

Apologies:

Councillors: Cllr Denton, Nye

Public Speakers No Public Participation

22/176B The Chairman advised this meeting would be recorded.

21/177B Apologies – as noted above

21/178B Declarations of Interest – Cllr Peeks
Cllr Peeks agenda item 21/182B, personal interest, informed meeting

21/179B Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on the 14th March 2022

21/179.1B After a proposal from Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr White it was resolved to approve the minutes after some slight amendments. Approved Cllr White, seconded Cllr Payne, Cllr Peeks abstained

21/180.B Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of the report only

21/180.1B (Item 21/141/1B) Report reference the water station request to be held at the Parish office from Cllr Naylor to be deferred until 16th May. Report to be presented by Cllr Naylor and held in the office

21/180.2B (Item 21/164.1B) Overhanging hedge on Doniford Road, tidied and cut back, remove from agenda.

21/181B Correspondence

21/181.1B West Country Blacksmiths quote was approved to go ahead. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr White, all in favour.

21/182B Planning Applications for Consideration

21/182.1B Planning ref 3/39/22/006. Application for conversion of buildings of part of former print works into a development of 6 No dwellings. Following a site visit on 11th April WPC observed the following comments. The actual conversion is welcome. However, WPC object to the 2 x new proposed dwellings. They are very cramped: parking and access is an issue and too small to allow vehicles and delivery drivers to move safely around the access area without having to use double yellow lines in the road. There were concerns for disability access and WPC would query as to whether the suggested solar panels would work? WPC also questioned why there is no section 106 contribution in place for this planning as this could help pay toward the necessary infrastructure changes needed for this application. If planning is granted, can it be noted the WPC request no windows should be overlooking boundaries. WPC will write to Somerset Heritage to ask if there is any further information regarding this building. To Note legal officer (Michelle Francis) left the meeting at this point 7.30pm.

Amendment – 16th May 2022

The printing presses are of historic interest and the Parish Council would like to ask if they can be protected. The presses are currently held in the building.

Cllr Peeks provided a more in-depth report reference this planning to make case officers at SWAT aware of the in depth concerns the Parish Council have, report shown to all Councillors and requested to be sent to planning on 17th May 2022

21/183B	To Note the Following Planning Decisions
21/183.1B	There were none
21/184B	Highways Matters
21/184.1B	Overgrown hedges reported to country-roads regarding the road from Williton to Five Bells. Inspection was carried out and it was deemed of no safety concern. Therefore, this will be removed from the agenda
21/185B	Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements
21/185.1B	(Item 165.1B) No response from Wales or West utilities regarding the grass verges on and around Northcroft and Whitecroft. Cllr Naylor requested this be deferred until May EPC and Cllr Naylor would take Wales and West to task as verges remain in an unsightly manner.
21/186B	Fire Beacon
21/186.1B	Quotations received from Rock Landscape and Walsh and Sons – see (Item 21/195B)
21/187B	Items To Report from Grounds Maintenance Officer
21/187.1B	Report from Cllr Peeks that postcode TA4 4RQ on Station Road is showing patchy grass cutting. Keep on agenda to check after next cut.
21/188B	Items to Report on Play Equipment in Recreation Ground
21/188.1B	Sovereign will commence works on 27 th June with a completion day of 28 th June. Item deferred until July EPC to confirm works have been carried out and completed as quoted.
21/189B	Green Initiatives
21/189.1B	Wildflower project – Cllr Naylor has agreed to take on and complete this project. Cllr Johnson to be asked to handover any papers that are available to Cllr Naylor.
21/190B	Village Notice Board
21/190.1B	Cllr Peeks to discuss with Cllr Howes on the quotes that were received and any drawings that were made.
21/191B	Great British Spring Clean
21/191.1B	Cllr Peeks and Cllr Naylor will work together on this project and enlist the help of volunteers in the village to help with the clean up of Union Lane and Watery Lane. Parish office to provide a poster to be leafleted around the village.
21/192B	Somerset Jubilee Parish Portraits
21/192.1B	Suggestions were made to sent to local areas such as schools and place in the next Williton Window. Parish office to send to schools and other establishments who may wish to participate and advise the information over to the events committee.
21/193B	Matters For the Next Meeting to be held 16th May 2022.
21/194B	To pass a resolution to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting due to commercial sensitivity. Approved Cllr Peeks, seconded Cllr Naylor, all in favour.
21/195B	Fire Beacon

21/195.1B EPC committee awarded Rock with this project with a caveat that the works are as per specification and no metal shoe. Proposed by Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Naylor all in favour.

Meeting Closed at 8.42pm

Signed as a true and correct record.....M White..... Dated...16th May...